

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Iversen <i>et al.</i>
App. No	:	10/583,024
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For	:	SYSTEMS FOR PREPARING FINE ARTICLES AND OTHER SUBSTANCES
Examiner	:	Penny, Tabatha L.
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Conf No.	:	6964

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement electronically sent on September 10, 2009 in the above-identified application.

**Election of Invention**

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

- I.      Claims 148-157 – drawn to a method of producing a fine particle material from a metal-alkoxide precursor.
- II.     Claim 214 – drawn to a fine particle material produced from a metal-alkoxide precursor.

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- III. Claim 159 – drawn to a method of producing a fine particle material wherein precipitation by a change in solubility is caused by expanding a fluid.
- IV. Claims 158, 160-212 – drawn to a method of producing a fine particle material wherein precipitation by a change in solubility is caused by an antisolvent.
- V. Claim 213 – drawn to an apparatus comprising a fine particle material.
- VI. Claims 215-219 – drawn to a hard nanocrystalline coating.

In response, Applicants elect to proceed with prosecution of Group I, Claims 148-157, without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits and request the same. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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